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For: DIAGNOSTIC SEQUENCING BY A

COMBINATION OF SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE

AND MASS SPECTROMETRY

## ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned hereby asserts, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c), that the applicant is entitled to small entity status in the above-identified application. It is therefore requested that small entity status be established.

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